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1. TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE MADE AT PRESIDENT VELASCO'S
PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWS: THIS IS NOT REPEAT NOT
OFFICIAL VERSION WHICH WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL.

2. Q. UN PERIODICO AMERICANO HA PUBLICADO QUE EL PERU
ESTA COMPRANDO TANQUES A LA UNION SOVIETICA.

A. Y?

Q. ES CIERTO O NO?

A. ES CIERTO? CLARO QUE ES CIERTO. SI ES CIERTO
EL PERU ESTA COMPRANDO, HA COMPRADO MATERIAL A LA
UNION SOVIETICA. TIENE UD. ALGUNA CRITICA AL
RESPECTO?

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Q. SOLO ESTOY BUSCANDO INFORMACION.

A. NO ES PARA CORTARLO. PORQUE SI TIENE ALGUNA CRITICA PODEMOS CONVERSAR DEL ASUNTO. O ES UN PECADO COMPRAR DE LA UNION SOVIETICA? PERU ESTA DEMONSTRANDO QUE ES UN PAIS SOBERANO Y COMO TAL PUEDE COMPRAR ARMAMENTOS DONDE DE LA SU GANA. NO TIENE PORQUE CUMPLIR CONSIGNAS DE NADIE. SI EL PERU NECESITA COMPRAR MATERIAL, LO COMPRARA. LO COMPRARA, NO VAMOS A ESPERAR QUE LOS VECINOS, LOS VECINOS SI COMPREN Y NOSOTROS ESTEMOS CON LAS MANOS EN LOS BOLSILLOS. TENEMOS QUE ESTAR ALERTOS NOSOTROS. COME DICE?

Q. SR. PRESIDENTE. QUE TIPO DE MATERIAL BELICO HA SIDO COMPRADO?

A. BUENO, HASTA AHI NO MAS PUEDO DECIR PORQUE LO DEMAS ES CUESTION DE SEGURIDAD EN QUE LOS PERUANOS DEBEMOS TENER OBLIGACION DE NO DECIR NATURALEZA, CANTIDAD, ETC., NO, NO. ESTA PROHIBIDO PARA UN ELEMENTO UNIFORMADO HABLAR DE PROBLEMAS DE SEGURIDAD.

3. AS IS EVIDENCED BY TAPE, VELASCO EMPHASIZED PERU'S SOVEREIGNTY AND RIGHT TO PURCHASE WHERE IT PLEASES. AMERICAN PRESS IS NOT CRITICIZED FOR LEAKING PERUVIAN PURCHASE.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPORTS ON CHILEAN AND ECUADORIAN MEDIA OR OTHER REACTION TO PERUVIAN PURCHASE SOVIET ARMS.
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